

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph on page 18, lines 1-14, with the following amended paragraph:

Furthermore, the cryptographic apparatus of the present invention may have the following construction. A content data obtaining unit obtains content data. A cryptographic information obtaining unit obtains cryptographic information including information specifying a part on which cryptographic processing is to be performed in the contents data. This information including a reference instruction indicating that a data section in the content data be referred to. Then, a part specifying unit specifies the certain part of the content data based on the cryptographic information by ~~searching for~~ ~~and~~ referring to the data section in the content data as indicated by the reference instruction. After this, a cryptographic processing unit performs one of encryption and decryption on the certain part.